

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16, 17 and 19 are currently amended. Claims 1-22 remain in the application.

In the Office action mailed 4/18/2005, the Examiner indicated (a) that claims 1-15 and 17-20 appear to be allowable over the prior art references and (b) that claim 16 would be allowable over the prior art references if amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, and 13-15 stand provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of copending application no. 10/898,098. The Examiner has indicated that a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321 would be effective in overcoming this ground of rejection. Accordingly, applicant submits herewith such a terminal disclaimer showing that application no. 10/898,098 and this application are commonly owned.

Claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended to correct some informalities.

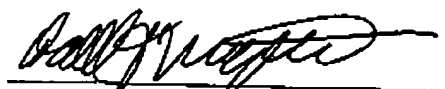
Claim 16 has been amended so that the last paragraph includes language similar to that proposed by the Examiner. Therefore, claim 16 is allowable over the prior art of record including the Cameron '857 patent. Also, claims 21 and 22 distinguish over the prior art of record including the Cameron '857 and Ross patents.

In view of the preceding remarks, applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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